



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/377,667  
Applicant: Hiromu MUKAI  
For: IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE  
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Customer No.: 24367  
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Examiner: Brian C. Genco

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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2004, which provides for a response period ending April 30, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for three additional months to July 30, 2004, is being filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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